

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the sentence beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten sentence:

-- In each of these prior art methods and devices, the fasteners are ~~[[a]]~~ formed from distinguishable material that gives the socks an unsightly and non-uniform appearance.--